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1. On 1 January 1953, the Nanning Meteorological Station¹ was established and made directly subordinate to the Kwangsi Meteorological Department of the Kwangsi Military District. The station began meteorological reporting on 7 January.
2. During January, the Nanning Meteorological Station's affiliated offices were the following:
 - a. The Meteorological Unit of the Nanning Base Command of the Central and South China Air Force.
 - b. The 14 Meteorological Unit, a second-class weather station, of the Hankow Meteorological Station.
 - c. The 14 Hydraulic Engineering Central Station of the Central and South China Military Area.
- 25X1X 3. [REDACTED] daily functions of the Nanning Station were as follows:
 - a. The release at 0800 hours of an aerial balloon for the purpose of recording air-pressure, temperature, and wind velocity.
 - b. The release to an altitude of 5,000 meters at 1600 hours of an aerial balloon equipped with radiosonde.

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- c. The preparation of meteorological graphs and charts on wind direction, wind velocity at altitudes between 500 and 5,000 meters, visibility, and type and density of cloud and fog formations.
4. The Nanning station issued a daily report at 1800 hours on current weather conditions and released a weather forecast for the next 24 hour period to the Kwangsi People's Broadcasting Station. A statistical report was released daily to the Meteorological Bureau of the Revolutionary Military Council, the Meteorological Department of the Central and South China Military Area, and the Central and South China Naval Command. A meteorological data report, compiled by the Hydraulic Engineering Central Station, was disseminated once weekly to the hydraulic engineering stations of the Kwangsi Military District.
5. The Kwangsi Military District collected weather data from the district's weather observation teams, coastal observatories, and from the Nanning Meteorological Station.
6. All radiosonde equipment at the Station was of Japanese manufacture. The equipment available was not of the type that permitted the station to function at night.

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1. The establishment of the Nanning Meteorological Station, its collection of data, and transmission of weather reports,

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